

# THE MANAGER'S VIEW



## Back to League objectives

After the drama and excitement of the F.A. Cup we return to the business of maintaining our challenge for Division Four honours with today's match against Reading.

With this match against an extremely consistent Reading side and then the visit to Colchester on Boxing Day the year could hardly end on a more testing note.

But I feel sure we shall give a good account of ourselves today and of course we go to Colchester next week with the added boost of having defeated them once recently at Layer Road in the F.A. Cup.

I was well satisfied with our showing in difficult conditions at Wycombe last weekend and feel once again that the big band of followers who accompanied the team played a significant part in the victory.

The cancellation of the special train was a blow to many supporters but it was pleasing to see that such a large number were able to travel by road to High

Wycombe to see the game.

With the draw brought forward to teatime on Saturday we did not have long to speculate over our third round opponents and I am delighted we have received our home draw.

Some people will say that the opposition could have been more attractive than Southend but I am pleased to be at home and feel we have an excellent change of progressing on our current form.

We must hope for a good display on January 5th and then keep our fingers crossed for a big-named club at London Road in the fourth round.

In closing may I extend the season's greetings to all our supporters and wish them happiness and success in 1974.



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